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In the Claims

1. (amended) A pharmaceutical composition [for treating or preventing mucositis] comprising an effective amount of a poorly absorbed tetracycline in the form of a polyvalent metal ion complex in a carrier for topical administration [to the mucosa] wherein less than 10% } \rightarrow cl. 12 or 13 of the tetracycline is absorbed into the systemic circulation when topically administered.

15. (amended) A method for treating a patient in need thereof comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a poorly absorbed tetracycline in the form of a polyvalent metal ion complex in a carrier for topical administration [to the mucosa] wherein less than 10% of the tetracycline is absorbed into the systemic circulation when topically administered.

24. (amended) A method for making a composition for treating a patient to prevent or treat mucositis comprising making a formulation for topical administration [to the mucosa] of an effective amount of a tetracycline in the form of a polyvalent metal ion complex which has less than 10% bioavailability when orally administered.

Remarks

Applicants have attached a marked-up version of page-1 of the Specification, and a clean copy of page 1 of the Specification with the changes incorporated.